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THE AIA PLAN: STIMULATE ECONOMY & CREATE 1.6 MILLION JOBS

RECOMMENDATIONS CALL FOR FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The AIA has developed the Rebuild and Renew Plan, which details recommendations for the allocation of funds in President-elect Obama's economic recovery plan. The AIA is calling on the new administration and Congress to create policies that ensure these monies are spent on the planning, design and construction of energy efficient, sustainable buildings and healthy communities that are advantageous for both the environment and economy. If implemented correctly, the nearly \$100 billion plan would create 1.6 million jobs throughout the design and construction industry.



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Recent reports estimate that the economic recovery package may total as much as \$800 billion, with at least \$350 billion dedicated to infrastructure projects. However, the AIA's recommendations call for longer planning and design periods for projects to help ensure that they are carried out in the most effective, cost-efficient manner and that funds are not poorly spent due to the projects being hastily planned and executed. Providing funding for projects across 24 months will ensure a steady stream of funds for job creation over the likely life of the recession.

The plan is comprised of five key policy areas for immediate attention. Highlights from the plan include:

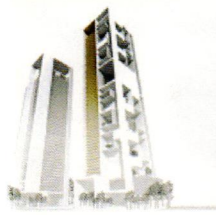
- **21st Century Schools** – As the costs of energy and construction materials continue to increase and budgets get tighter, education agencies are further delaying or canceling major projects to repair and modernize school buildings. The AIA is calling for the federal government to invest \$25 billion in districts across the country to repair, modernize and green school buildings. Additionally, it is proposing \$700 million for pilot programs that would provide grants for the development of model school campuses that support 21st century teaching and learning in the each region of the country. This proposal would create more than 445,000 jobs across the industry.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM EVENTS

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- **Green Buildings** - The AIA is calling for the federal government to provide \$30 billion for energy efficiency upgrades and modernization for federal, state and local public buildings; residential, commercial, industrial and healthcare facilities; and green affordable housing. Appropriating these funds would result in the creation of 430,000 jobs. In addition, the AIA is calling for increasing the size of the energy efficient commercial buildings tax deduction from \$1.80 per square foot to \$3.00 per square foot and this recommendation was just endorsed by the



2009 UNBUILT LAS VEGAS CALL FOR ENTRIES

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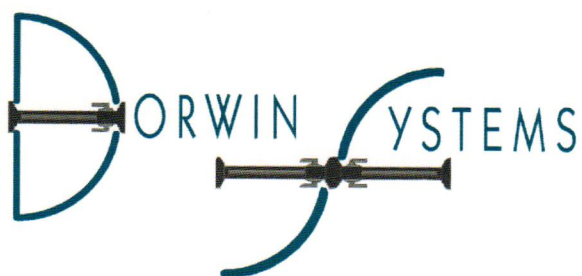
Environment America Research & Policy Center.

- **Transit and Livable Communities** - As Congress prepares to create legislation that stimulates the economy the AIA believes that it is important to invest at least \$12 billion for transit facilities and operations, since they greatly enhance the economic development, sustainability, safety and livability of communities. Funding for transit-oriented projects will create compact, walkable communities that mix housing, retail, office space and other amenities around high quality train systems and create approximately 375,000 jobs for the building and construction industry.

- **Historic Preservation Projects** – The preservation of historic buildings already in the development phase will create more work for the building industry and generate positive economic returns in the communities surrounding them. The plan calls for the appropriation of at least \$30 million to the under-funded Save America's Treasure program for bricks-and-mortar preservation projects. The plan also calls for another \$100 million in grants to be provided through the State Historic Preservation Officers and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for non-federal public and nonprofit historic sites.

- **Tax Relief for Businesses** – By accelerating the depreciation of energy-efficient heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or commercial refrigeration property installed in nonresidential property or residential rental property, businesses of all sizes would be able to improve their operations, reduce costs and reduce energy consumption. The AIA is also calling for elimination of a requirement that businesses that perform government work have three percent of their payments withheld.

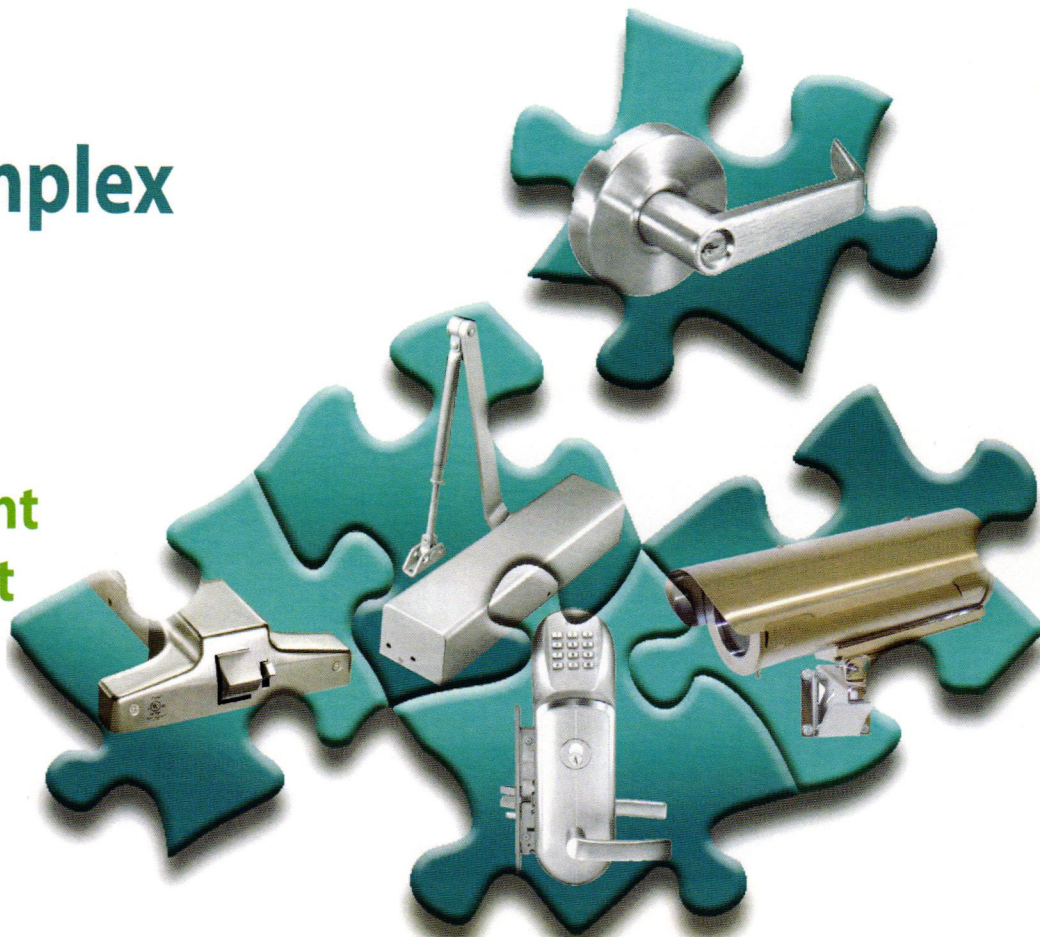
To download the full the AIA's Rebuild and Renew plan, please visit <http://www.aia.org/rebuildandrenew>.



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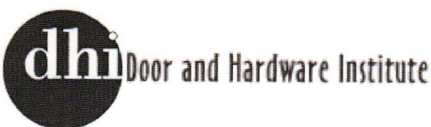
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SEAN COULTER, AIA

This is an exciting month in politics for our Chapter and for the United States. The most important thing is that we have a new President in office; the sense of excitement and hope is almost palpable as President Obama takes the reigns of the White House. Let's all be hopeful that he can lead us through and out of this economic situation.

Also, a few of our members will be heading to Washington D.C. the first week in February for the Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference. The purpose of this conference is to meet with our Legislators on issues that are important to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. Last year was a bit of an anomaly; we were unable to meet with Lawmakers due to them not being in session. However, we still had a chance to meet with most our Legislators later in March here in Nevada. This year we look forward to the time we will have with them on Capitol Hill. The State Chapter along with our local chapter have been developing Issue Briefs to present to our elected officials. We will use this time to impress upon them the importance of these issues that directly affect our chapter and ask for their support. If you know an elected official, I would ask that you schedule time with them to present issues that are important to our profession, we can make a difference if our voice is loud enough.

An exciting event at the Grassroots conference this year will be Ric Licata, AIA and Wyndom Kimsey, AIA presenting the Blueprint for Nevada; a part of the Institute's Blueprint for America. For those that are not familiar with this document; it is a resource that provides facts, information, ideas and recommendations that can be used to enhance our communities and to create a more sustainable future for Nevada. Presenting it at Grassroots will be a great opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of the AIA chapters what we are doing in this state to better the lives of our residents for a sustainable future.

This month we will be teaming with UNLV for our membership meeting on February 18. The speaker will be Rick Lowe, founder of Project Row Houses, an arts and cultural community located in a historically significant and culturally charged neighborhood in Houston, Texas. Plan to attend the February meeting and meet this exciting artist to learn more about the Row House Community Development Corporation.

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FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING - KLAJ JUBA LECTURE

RICK LOWE – ROW HOUSE

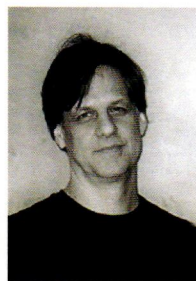
We are pleased to present the Klai Juba lecture presented through the UNLV Downtown Design Center and the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission.

The speaker will be Rick Lowe, founder of Project Row Houses, an arts and cultural community located in a historically significant and culturally charged neighborhood in Houston, Texas. Rick has participated in exhibitions and programs nationally and internationally. From 1992 to the present he has exhibited at the Phoenix Art Museum, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Los Angeles, Neuberger Museum, Purchase, New York, Kwangil Bienale, Kwangil Korea, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Glassell School and the Kumamoto State Museum, Kumamoto, Japan.

Rick has worked as guest artist on a number of community projects nationally. From 2001 – 2002 he worked in collaboration with arts consultant Jessica Cusick on the Arts Plan for Rem Koolhaas designed Seattle Public Library. In California Rick worked with artist Suzanne Lacy and curator Mary Jane Jacobs on the Borough Project for Spoleto Festival 2003, in Charleston SC and was lead artist on the Delray Beach Cultural Loop, Delray Beach, Florida. In 2005 he worked with the British Architect David Adjaye, on a project for the Seattle Art Museum in their new Olympic Sculpture Park. Since 2006 he has been working with a group of artists and community activists on Transforma Projects in New Orleans.

Rick has received many honors. In 1997, he and Project Row Houses were awarded a silver medal by the Rudy Bruner Awards in Urban Excellence. In 2000 he was a recipient of the American Institute of Architects Keystone Award. In 2002 he was awarded the Heinz Award for arts and humanities, and he was a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University from 2001 to 2002. He has received the Brandywine Lifetime Achievement Award and he is an Osher Fellow at the Exploratorium in San Francisco. He also received the Huston Spirit Award by the Mayor of Huston.

Plan to attend the February meeting and meet this exciting artist and learn more about the Row House Community Development Corporation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30PM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. 4th Street, LVNV. **Please RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org by Monday, February 16th.**



MARCH MEMBER MEETING - KLAJ JUBA LECTURE

ROBERT ZIMMER, AIA

Join us in March for a truly exciting Downtown Design Center and Klai Juba Lecture event, when we will be presenting Robert Zimmer, AIA , principal, zimmerstudios .

When Frank Gehry contacted LMN to act as the local, associate architect on the Experience Music Project (EMP), Robert Zimmer was put in charge as Project Architect. Similar to his recent role on the Central Library with Rem Koolhaas, he provided critical zoning code analysis and acted as a design participant and as liaison between Gehry Partners and the Design Commission from schematic design through construction documents. Under the leadership of Zimmer, LMN was also hired directly by the owner to act as architect and interior designed for several of the specialized and complex exhibits in the rock and roll music museum.

For the Seattle Central Library, Zimmer worked as Project Director for the joint venture of OMA/LMN as a principal of LMN. He was a full-time collaborator providing critical continuity for the design team from concept design through construction documents and well into the construction phase. He contributed significantly in developing strategies for zoning and building code issues and served as a critical liaison between the design team and the Design Commission and City Council. Robert was personally responsible for many design and technical solutions as well as acting as director for OMA/LMN and their engineering and special consultants.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 18th -- reception at 5:30PM and the lecture at 7:00PM in the auditorium at the Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. 4th Street, LVNV.

**EP-YAF ACTIVITIES**

Emerging Professionals, Young Architects, Associates, Interns and Students..... the following activities are especially planned by the EP-YAF committee for YOU.

LONG TERM CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG ARCHITECTS -

Thursday, February 19th - 6PM - 7:30PM - AIA Las Vegas Office, Historic Fifth Street School, Suite 175, 401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas. RSVP online using calendar at www.aialasvegas.org - \$10 AIA Members; \$15 non-members; \$20 at the door

You know how to design a building, but can you design your CAREER? Presented by Darrell Day, a Senior Professional of Human Resources, speaks on "Long-Term Career Development For Young Architects." His presentation includes career self-awareness, interviewing, resume writing, long-term career planning, getting registered, getting noticed in your firm, and the hottest project niches in architecture.

MENTORSHIP DINNERS

The EP/YAF is proud to host "Dinner with Five Fellows", a series of evenings for young professionals to get to know each of Nevada's 5 Fellows of the AIA. The intent of the evening is for emerging professionals to engage in open and varied discussion with Nevada's leaders in a very socially relaxed environment. Our inaugural evening will take place at the offices of Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm. The evening will be jointly sponsored by Bill Snyder, FAIA of Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Robert Fielden, FAIA of RAFI Architects and Edward Feiner, FAIA of The Sands Corporation. Seating is limited to the first 30 individuals to respond. The cost for the evening is \$5 for AIA members and \$10 for non-AIA members. Please RSVP no later than Friday, February 20 at www.aialasvegas.org.

ARE CLASSES - Structures

Thursdays beginning March 5th, March 12, March 19, March 26
Historic Fifth Street School City Conference Room
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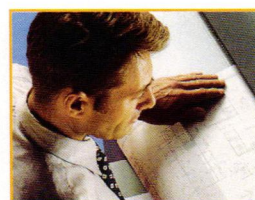
ARE CLASSES - Mechanical (Dates to be confirmed)

Thursdays beginning in October
Historic Fifth Street School City Conference Room
401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas
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\$15 AIA members; \$30 non-members; \$50 at the door

PECHA KUCHA NIGHT - AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 5:30PM
Watch for Call for Entries in June
20 Entries will be accepted of 20 Slides each
Entry deadline September 30

Now all Emerging Professionals/Young Architects Forum events & meetings will be posted online for your easy access; on Facebook (Search for the group Emerging Professionals/Young Architects Forum.) Confirmed events will also be posted on AIA Las Vegas website.

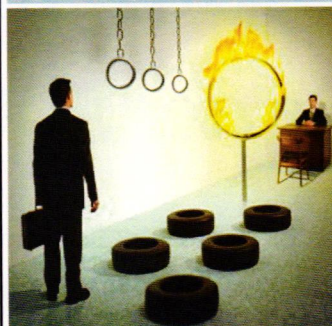
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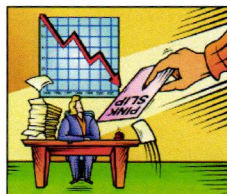
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SDA MEETING

The next meeting of the Society for Design Administration will be held at 6 pm on Feb 11th at the Marie Callender's on Eastern & Tropicana. The topic will be "Handling Layoffs in These Challenging Times".

There will be a presentation by **MAGGIE ALLRED, SPHR** followed by a round-table discussion. Please RSVP to **ROBBIE DAVIS** - rld@blta.com, or **PHYLLIS BEDOL** at **SHARCHITECTURE** - 702.363.2222.

DO YOUR PART

2009 LAS VEGAS CANSTRUCTION

Teams are forming for the 12th annual CANstruction being held on April 16th on the stunning runway in Fashion Show Mall. If your firm is interested in participating, please contact **JEANNE FROST** at **HARRIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS** at 702.269.1575.

Don't let the sluggish economy dampen your generous spirit, there are lots of teams wishing to participate but need a partner to pull it off. There are also interns from UNLV willing to donate free labor in exchange for the privilege of working with a local firm. So brainstorm some new ways to make it happen at your firm. The Three Square Food Bank needs our help now more than ever.

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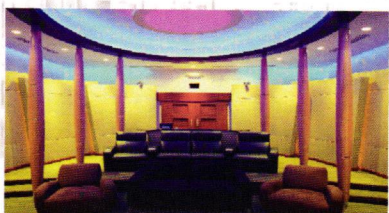
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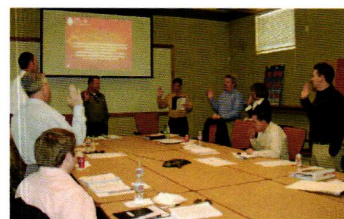
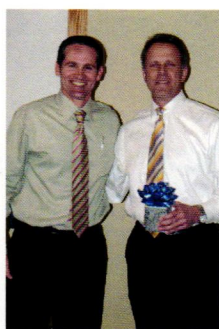
The cancelation of our annual Holiday Celebration due to the unexpected snowfall in Las Vegas was a real disappointment to all members and guests, but we are so grateful to all of you who have donated your ticket price to help alleviate the expense to the Chapter. The Chapter's loss for the evening was \$15,000, for the food, program and special décor for the evening. Our thanks to all of you for having the spirit of the holidays and helping the Chapter through this time.

AIA Las Vegas also wants to thank **JASON DAVIS**, Allied Member, for his extraordinary work in securing the items for this year's Silent Auction. While we could not enjoy the auction at the Holiday Celebration, we managed to generate \$2,800 through the online Silent Auction. Great work, Jason!

Other items that were originally part of the evening's program were moved to the January Board of Directors Meeting.

Outgoing President, **MARK HOBAICA, AIA** recognized the many sponsors that supported the Chapter throughout 2008 and presented the UNLV Architecture Studies Library with a check in the amount of \$2600. He also announced his selection for the 2008 AIA Las Vegas President's Award, a special end-of-the-year acknowledgement and appreciation that is made to the person or people who have made the most significant contributions to the Chapter.

Mark stated "I am pleased to present this special award to **QUENTIN ABRAMO** of **FACILITEQ**, who has gone above and beyond in his support of our Chapter. If you have had an opportunity to visit our beautiful new offices at the Fifth Street School, then you can appreciate the contributions made by Quentin. The beautiful Life Space glass cage in which we now keep Randy Lavigne and all of the gorgeous furnishings. We are deeply grateful, and I am honored to present the 2008 President's Award to Quentin Abramo."

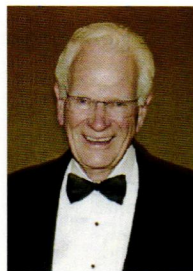


Following these presentations, 2009 AIA Las Vegas President, **SEÁN COULTER, AIA** swore in the newly elected Board of Directors.



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IN MEMORIAM

KARL SCHWERDTFEGER, AIA EMERITUS, passed away January 7, 2009 after a long battle with colon cancer. Karl began his 52 year career in architecture in 1957 after graduating from the University of Southern California. He was Vice-President and Assistant Director of Design at **WELTON BECKETT ASSOCIATES** for 19 years from 1958 until 1977. He left there to establish his own firm, **KARL SCHWERDTFEGER**

ASSOCIATES, which he maintained until 1991. He then took the position of Director of Architectural Design at **FLUOR DANIEL**. **CURT CARLSON, AIA** met Karl when he came to work at **SHARCHITECTURE** in 2006 after "retiring" to Las Vegas. Says Curt, "Karl and I had many conversations about the lost 'art of Architecture' and the demise of the hand drawn sketch in architectural presentations."

Karl's notable projects included the John F. Kennedy Cultural Center in Long Island NY, Fluor Corporate Headquarters in Irvine, CA, Gulf Life Insurance Company Corporate Headquarters in Jacksonville, FL, and Fashion Island in Newport Beach CA. He also was a visiting lecturer and critique at the University of Southern California and California State Polytechnic University. Karl, however, would probably say that his greatest accomplishment was his grandson Noah.

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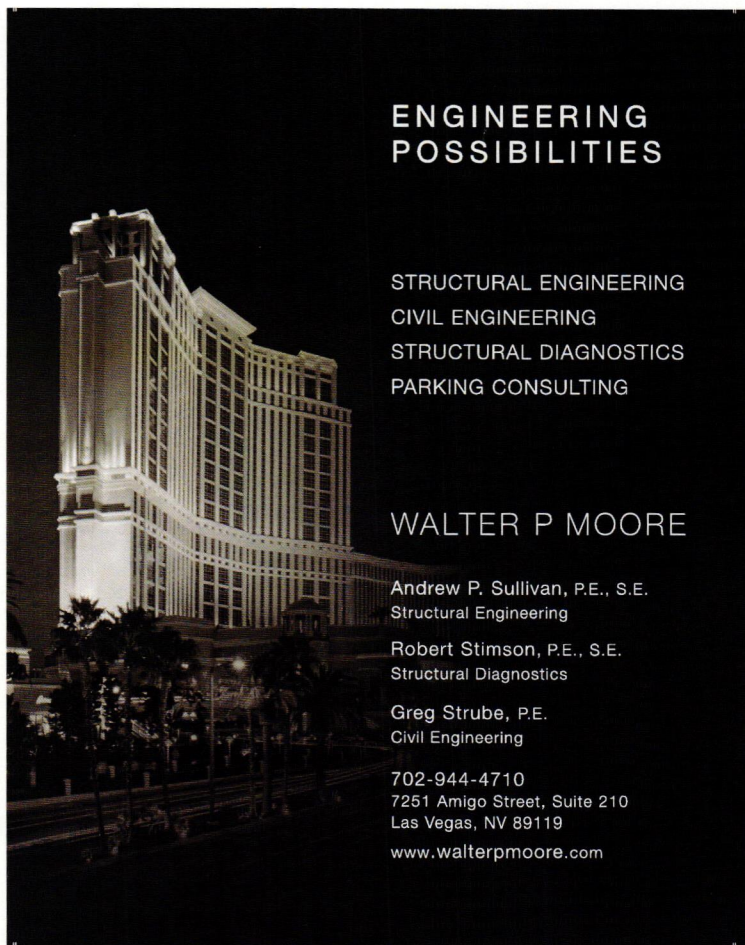
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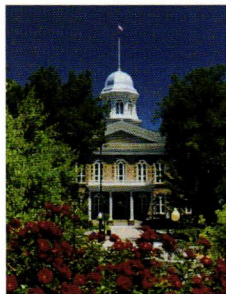
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In our continuing efforts to create more livable and sustainable communities, the Blueprint for Nevada Task Force and the AIA Nevada Legislative Committee will take our message to Carson City early in the legislative session.

AIA Nevada is hosting a "Blueprint Breakfast" for the legislature on Wednesday, February 25th in the State Capitol Building. The breakfast will provide an opportunity for AIA members to talk informally with state policymakers and will kick-off a full day of meetings with our legislators where we will present AIA Position Statements on the specific issues addressed in our Blueprint for Nevada resource guide. To support our visit, a special "Blueprint for Nevada" exhibit has been constructed and will be installed in the Capitol lobby to help raise awareness of our concerns. The exhibit will also be available for use in public venues throughout the state.

AIA Nevada Position Statements created based upon the published content of the Blueprint for Nevada, as well as the efforts of the Blueprint for Nevada Task Force and the members of the AIA Nevada Executive Committee. They include – Resources – Energy and Water, Economic Development, Planning & Development, Education, Social Infrastructure and Wellness, Arts & Culture, Housing, Land Use, Transportation and Public Safety and Clean Energy. These will be presented to our legislators on February 25th 2009, and are available on the www.aianevada.org website.



AIA HANDBOOK FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

In August 2007, AIA Communities by Design published the AIA Handbook for Disaster Assistance Programs. This program was then presented to several architects at the 2007 Western Mountain Regional Conference. The AIA Handbook can be viewed at www.aia.org/livable.

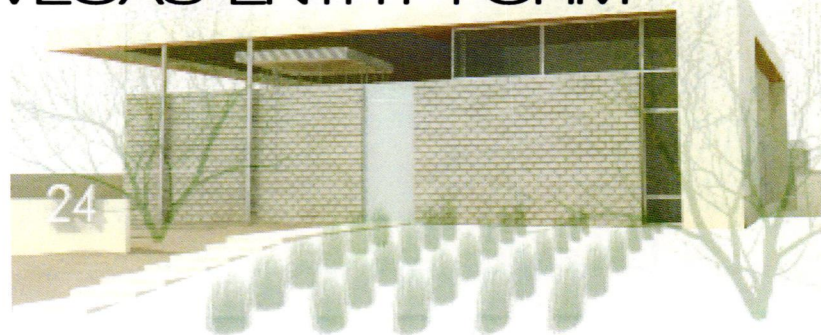
The AIA Nevada chapter is currently working with the Nevada Department of Public Safety to establish a call list of registered Architects willing to assist in disaster recovery operations under the State of Nevada's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This list will also be made available to the AIA Western Mountain Region should the need for assistance out of state be required.

Currently, **LARRY MACIAS**, AIA is working with **RICK MARTIN** (Recovery and Mitigation Manager) and **RON HOOD** (Recovery and Mitigation Officer) of the Division of Emergency Management to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for professional liability protection similar to a Good Samaritan Law as established by other states. Additionally, we are in the process of identifying registered Architects in the State of Nevada willing to assist should the need arise.

Those interested in helping out either individually or as a firm, please contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at 702-895-0936 or rlavigne@aianevada.org.

2009 UNBUILT LAS VEGAS ENTRY FORM

(Photocopy this form and submit one copy with your entry fee by March 15, 2009; and include one copy with your submittal on April 1, 2009)



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January 1, 2009 –
March 15, 2009

Deadline for Entries and Fees:
March 15, 2009

Submittal Deadline:
April 1, 2009

Jury:
April 13, 2009

Opening of Exhibit Reception
Announcement of Award
Recipients:
April 14, 2009

Exhibit Closes:
April 30, 2009

AWARDS

The jury may create award tiers and categories as it deems appropriate.

Award certificates and/or cash prizes may be provided.

Submittals will be exhibited in the gallery of the Historic Fifth Street School from April 13 -30, 2009.

A special opening reception and announcement of the jury's selected award recipients will take place in the gallery on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00PM.

UNBUILT LAS VEGAS

A Design Awards Program for Unbuilt Architecture

This is the second annual CALL FOR ENTRIES for the "Unbuilt Las Vegas" Design Awards Program, featuring architectural design work that to date remains unbuilt -- theoretical, academic and unbuilt projects. It is an opportunity for the entire design community -- practicing professionals, educators and students to have their unbuilt design work (the dreams you never get to build) juried and honored for design excellence, and to exhibit this work for the public.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enter, complete the Unbuilt Las Vegas entry form included herewith, and forward it, along with the appropriate entry fee(s) to the AIA Las Vegas office, located at 401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101, OR fax to 702-895-4417.

Unbuilt architectural design projects of any type are eligible including purely theoretical projects and unbuilt client-sponsored projects (buildings, interiors, transportation infrastructure, monuments, public art, etc -- any project type). There are no geographical or other restrictions on the location of projects that ultimately may be built. Unbuilt Las Vegas is open to all AIA members and residents of Las Vegas. The intent is to invite work by practicing architects, architectural educators and architecture students in Las Vegas.

Each submission is to be a single 24" x 36" x 1/4" foam-core board and can be oriented horizontally or vertically. Boards are to be two-dimensional (using drawings, plans, photos, narrative material, etc) and must NOT be framed or otherwise encumbered with metal, wood, glass, plastic, or similar materials. While images of models may be included on your board, actual models are not eligible. Be sure the text on your board includes at least one simple sentence explaining what the project is. (Boards may be damaged in transit or otherwise and AIA Las Vegas is unable to accept liability for such damage: Submittal boards become the property of AIA Las Vegas and will not be returned. Do NOT include irreplaceable elements on your board.



Each submission board must focus on one project only and each entrant may submit as many projects as you wish with the appropriate entry fee for each.

There should be no names, logos, or other information on the board that identifies the designer(s). No text on the board may be smaller than 10-point type.

Each entry must include a sealed envelope attached to the rear side of the board (upper-left-rear-corner) and it must contain a copy of the your completed "Unbuilt Las Vegas" Entry Form. On the outside of the envelope and on the upper-right-rear corner of the board, write only the name of the project -- along with the text "AIA Unbuilt Las Vegas 2009".



**AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
CURT CARLSON, AIA, LEED AP

AIA Nevada is looking forward to 2009 with guarded optimism. The economy, the inauguration and the future are the major topics effecting our profession moving into 2009. The Nevada economy slowed dramatically in all sectors in the fourth quarter of '08. A combination of the credit crunch, bank issues, falling stock values, falling tax revenues and a falling stock market have stopped projects from both the private and public sectors. Housing starts are down, tourism and hotel occupancies are down and public funding is in

jeopardy in many areas. None of this is much different than the news in other parts of the country. Northern Nevada, however, does seem to be faring slightly better than Southern Nevada at this point in time. A lot of private and public sectors have adopted a "wait and see" approach to projects pending the stimulus packages, tax incentives and bailout plans. That's not to say that they aren't all lined up like wolves at the door trying to get their share of whatever becomes available.

The inauguration and tenure of President Obama is being greeted with a range of guarded optimism to jubilant celebration with positive hopes for change. His initial indications of stimulus packages for infrastructure and government funded projects have given the glimmer of hope for new projects in many areas. Campaign promises of developing more alternative energy sources and signifying the importance of environmental issues and sustainable living have also lead to optimism in a large segment of the general public.

We all wish we had the mythical crystal ball to see if these ideas will work and how to plan for the future. Within the profession in Nevada, most firms have contracted and trimmed expenses and budgets to get over the hump. Regrettably, there are a lot from the architectural profession represented in the unemployment numbers in the state. Most firms would be happy to maintain in '09.

AIA Nevada is continuing to pursue many of the ongoing issues and programs from 2008. In our ongoing efforts, the "Blueprint for Nevada" is being presented and promoted throughout the state and region to different public and private entities. Clark County has recently embraced the publication and is using it as the baseline to formulate the sustainability programs for the County. It is also used continuously as a tool to help shape AIA Nevada Position Statements for local and national issues. It will be a key component in presentations to the national lawmakers at Grassroots in early February and also at State Legislative day in Carson City in late February. The implementation of the continuing education requirements remains an ongoing item for the chapter as well. The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design, (NSBAIDRD) approved a regulation to mandate continuing education as a requirement for license renewal at its October meeting. The effective date of the new regulation is January 1, 2010. This means that registrants must earn the required CEUs prior to December 31, 2010, when their 2010 certificates of registration expire.

The chapter is in the initial planning stages of the second AIA Nevada State Convention. Scheduled for September 17-19 in Las Vegas, it is tentatively planned to be centered around the newly renovated Fifth Street School (home of the AIA Las Vegas offices) and surrounding city developments and attractions within walking distance. The theme being developed is "Eco-economy" which will look at the positive effects of sustainable design from an economic (dollars and cents) viewpoint.

As a sidebar on a personal note, I am greatly encouraged to see results from a lot of areas within the state chapter as well as local chapters. Visibility of the profession, by the general public and government officials, has noticeably increased in the past few years. Programs, such as the Young Architects Forum, Legislative Affairs and "Blueprint for Nevada" are gaining recognition and participation. While the chapter at times struggles with the number of members participating and individual involvement, it seems that the participating, dedicated professionals have become more involved, more passionate and more dedicated to the profession.

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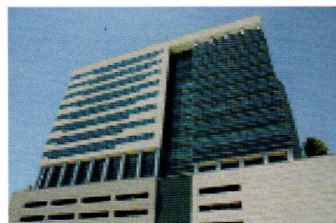
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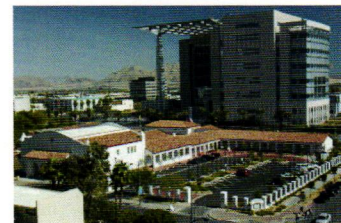
Four Las Vegas projects have been recognized for their community impact as part of the 2008 Mayor's Urban Design Awards. The winners were announced during Mayor Oscar B. Goodman's State of the City Address on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Historic Fifth Street School.

The awards recognize projects that cultivate walkways and streets as shared public spaces, promote walkability and safety, conserve resources and seamlessly link to their surroundings.

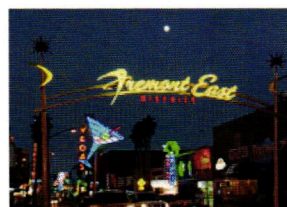
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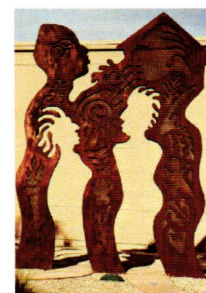
Buildings and Their Environs:
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Historic Preservation:
Historic Fifth Street School



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Entertainment District



Public Art:
The Ancestral Gateway

"It is exciting that the city continues to gain such outstanding examples of sustainable and inspirational urban design," **MAYOR GOODMAN** said. "Our vision of a culturally rich, vibrant and sustainable Las Vegas is truly coming to fruition."

LAS VEGAS PLANNING COMMISSION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The city of Las Vegas Planning Commission elected new officers for 2009 at its meeting last week. Glenn Trowbridge was elected chairman and Richard Truesdell was elected vice chairman.

Trowbridge was appointed to the commission in July 2005 by Councilman Steve Wolfson. A resident of Las Vegas for more than 30 years, he is a former director of the Clark County Personnel and Parks & Recreation Departments. He is also serving as the appointed planning commission member of the southern section of the Nevada chapter of the American Planning Association's board. A graduate of Leadership Las Vegas, Trowbridge maintains a professional membership with Nevada Parks and Recreation Association.

BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA

BEST PRACTICE AT GRASSROOTS

The Blueprint for Nevada, originally initiated by the state and both local chapters in 2006 as a part of the AIA 150 celebration, has continued for the last two years and has made great strides in bringing about change and sustainability in our communities. The AIA National component recognizes the significance of our efforts as a "Best Practice" and AIA Nevada has been invited to present our "Blueprint for Nevada" program at this year's Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

Ric Licata, AIA and Windom Kimsey, FAIA – Chairs and champions for the Blueprint program will provide an overview of the planning, programs, objectives and goals that have made the Blueprint a valuable tool for the chapters in Nevada, and an excellent example for other components. The Blueprint Exhibit that is being prepared for presentation in Carson City on February 25th, will also be shipped to Washington, DC for inclusion as a part of the presentation on Thursday, February 6th.

GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Grassroots Conference is scheduled for February 4-7 in Washington, DC and more than 800 AIA leaders, including component presidents and presidents-elect, component executives, members of the national board of directors, knowledge community leaders, emerging professions, AIA national staff, and other member groups will participate. True to its tradition, the conference will provide opportunities for continuing education, networking, advocacy, celebrations, leadership skills development, and knowledge sharing among members and groups within the AIA family.

The members of AIA Nevada will be represented by Curt Carlson, AIA – President, AIA Nevada, Ric Licata, AIA, Past President, AIA Nevada, Eric Roberts, Assoc. AIA, State Government Network Representative, Sean Coulter, AIA, President, AIA Las Vegas, Deepika Padam, AIA – President-elect, AIA Las Vegas, Brad Van Woert, AIA – President, AIA Northern Nevada and Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA.

AIAS WEST QUAD CONFERENCE

"THE VEGAS YOU DON'T KNOW"

On March 26-28, the Las Vegas Chapter of AIAS will host the West Quad Conference here in Las Vegas, and they are preparing to welcome some 200 - 300 architecture students from the Western United States. Under the theme "The Vegas You Don't Know", the LVAIAS students have planned three days of exceptional discussions, tours and activities that will focus on Las Vegas as a learning experience. In addition to tours of the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, and the Neon Museum, a special "FIRM FAIR" is planned so that local architectural firms meet tomorrow's architects and showcase their work.

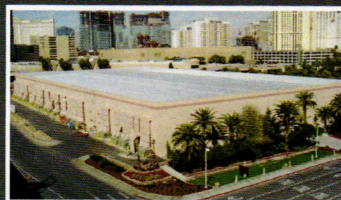
AIAS needs SPONSOR and SPEAKER support from the local architectural community, and firms to participate in the FIRM FAIR. Interested in supporting this important effort by AIAS? Contact Sam Martinez, AIAS LV President, JMA | 10150 Covington Cross Drive | Las Vegas NV 89144, 702.731.2033 T | 702.731.2039 F - smartinez@jmaarch.com.

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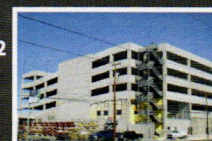
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2009 AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

*** Currently Most Programs and Locations are TBA unless otherwise noted.**

AIA Las Vegas offers many opportunities for members (and non-member architects) to acquire their Continuing Education credits. One of the most popular is the "Lunch & Learn" luncheons which are held twice monthly. We are currently scheduling C.E. Lunch and Learn events for 2009.

If you are interested in providing a "Lunch & Learn" program, please contact Kelly Lavigne at klavigne@aianeveda.org or 702.895.0936. **Please note, you need to be an AIA National Registered Provider and complete the program registration process before your C.E. lunch can be scheduled (go to the AIA website at http://www.aia.org/conted_become_provider for more information.)**

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Thursday, March 26, 2009 - Hosted by Lynn Campbell of Assurance, Ltd - Location will be at "View 215" at 9130 W Russell

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Thursday, June 25, 2009

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Thursday, July 30, 2009

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Thursday, November 12, 2009 - Hosted by Schirmer Engineering

Thursday, December 10, 2009

KLAI JUBA LECTURE

Wednesday February 4

Reception at 6:30, Lecture at 7 pm,

UNLV School of Architecture Auditorium

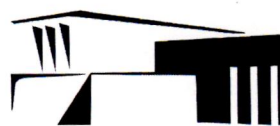
"Form and Detritus"

Brian Andrews

Visiting Professor, UNLV School of Architecture

Professor Andrews joined the faculty of the UNLV School of Architecture as a Visiting Professor after teaching at USC, the University of Virginia, Syracuse University and Clemson University, where he was the Robert Mills Professor. He has been principal in Andrews/ Le Blanc Architects since 1993.

For a listing of all upcoming lectures, go to <http://library.nevada.edu/arch/events/lectures/2008spring.html>



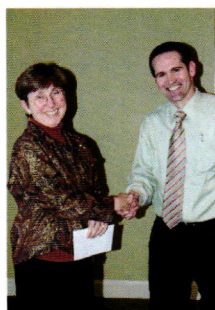
ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

NEW STAFFER IN ASL: When next you are in the Architecture Studies Library, please come by and meet new

staffer **CRISTI BURROUGHS**. She has been working in Lied Library, and joined the ASL staff on January 5. She graduated with a degree in anthropology from UNLV, and a minor in Fine Arts. She is very excited about working here, and very impressed by the friendliness and patience of our library's users!

FEBRUARY EXHIBIT: School of Architecture visiting faculty member Brian Andrews will have his drawings on exhibit in the ASL for the month of February. There will be an exhibits reception and a lecture by Brian Andrews on February 4 in the Sogg Architecture Building.

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOURS: The Architecture Studies Library will be open 11am - 9pm on Monday February 16, President's Day.



AIA LAS VEGAS DONATION TO THE ASL: We are very grateful and heartened to have the continuing support of the AIA. This year the AIA Las Vegas donated \$2600 from the proceeds of the golf and putting tournaments to the Architecture Studies Library. We are also proud of the ongoing collaboration between the AIA Nevada and the ASL on the Design Awards Archive. (There will be an exhibit of the 2008 awards in the ASL in April.)

ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAM: We have gotten lots of 2008 materials to help with study for the ARE, including practice exams from Professional Publications, Questions and Answers from Kaplan, and, also from Kaplan, test banks on CD-ROM. Come to the ASL to access these materials or contact Debi Raffi at draffi@aianeveda.org to have a copy of the list emailed to you.

STAY UP TO DATE ON CITY CODES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULES QUARTERLY CUSTOMER TRAINING SESSIONS

The city of Las Vegas Planning & Development Department has scheduled customer training sessions about updates and revisions to the city's zoning codes and master and special area plans.

These quarterly sessions enable customers to stay current as well as ask questions about adopted changes to the codes and plans that occur during the year.

All of the sessions will be held at 5 p.m. at the Development Services Center in Conference Room 2B located at 731 S. Fourth St. The 2009 sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3; Tuesday, May 5; Tuesday, August 4; and Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Planner II Robert Summerfield, AICP at 702-229-4856 or rsummerfield@lasvegasnevada.gov.



I LOVE YOU, MAN! PAY YOUR DUES!

RANDY LAVIGNE, HON. AIA

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day. It is a time when we pay special attention to those who add meaning and value to our lives. With this in mind, and speaking as a voice of AIA in Nevada, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize those who are

the heart and soul of our organization -- YOU! Our members.

We need every single one of you in order to continue to make our Chapter a strong, active, and effective organization. And since February is also right in the midst of "dues paying" time for AIA members, we hope you to pay special attention to renewing your membership and maintaining an active participation with us.

Remember, there is strength in numbers...and power in unity. So as a unified organization of architects and design professionals, our Chapter is a respected, strong, effective and useful organization. Together we advocate on behalf of each member and we continue to bolster the importance of design and architecture in our built environments, as well as demonstrating the industry's role in keeping the economy strong, protecting our environment and utilizing our natural resources to build a better Nevada.

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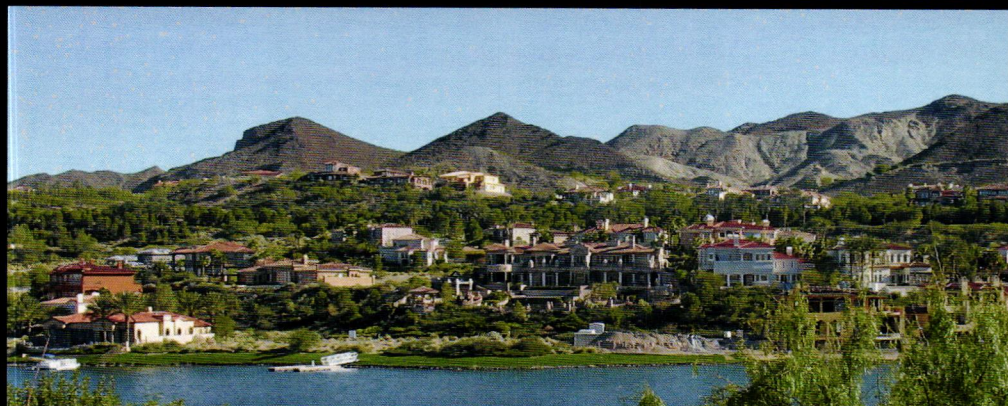
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After 26 years as President and CEO of Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, **BILL SNYDER, FAIA** announced that as of July 1st 2008 his partner and friend, **WINDOM KIMSEY, FAIA** succeeds him in the leadership of the firm.

Continuing with Windom in the firm's leadership is partner, **RANDY SPITZMESSER, AIA**.

Drawing upon their nearly fifty years combined experience in project management and design, Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects under Windom and

Randy's stewardship will continue to provide our clients with sustainable, rewarding buildings and innovative design solutions to challenging needs.

As Windom assumes leadership, Bill will maintain his role as Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects Chairman of the Board.



J.W. ZUNINO & ASSOCIATES has hired **MIGUEL ESCOBAR** as Project Coordinator. Mr. Escobar joined J.W. Zunino in March 2008, prior to his graduation in May 2008 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) from UNLV. Since joining JWZ as a part-time employee while finishing his degree, Miguel has worked on the Heritage Park Master Plan, Symphony Park, and several Clark County Trails. He has been a Las Vegas resident since 1992.



MARTIN-HARRIS CONSTRUCTION (MHC) has appointed **GUY MARTIN**, Vice President of Estimating. Martin has worked all areas of the construction industry throughout his 25 year tenure at Martin-Harris Construction. He knows first hand what it is like working in the field from clean up crew to top management.

Martin-Harris Construction has expanded its construction territory that includes the greater Phoenix area, Texas, California and New Mexico. Martin will oversee estimating activities in Las Vegas as well as those regions mentioned above.

CHUCK KUBAT, AIA announces the formation of **AURORA MESSENGERS**, a delivery service for drawings and documents around the Las Vegas Metro area. They can be reached at 767-8182 for competitive rates and prompt, courteous service. "My son Jeremy and I hope to serve the Las Vegas architectural and engineering community with a valuable service from someone who knows their business," said Chuck.



DORWIN SYSTEMS welcomes **ANDREW KARELSE** as the newest member of the firm's Las Vegas office.

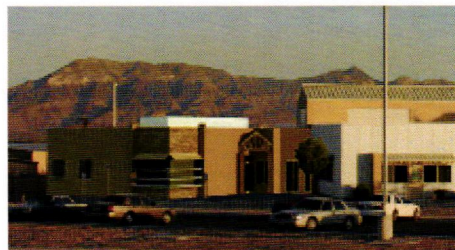
Karelse is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan and spent four years in the US Marine Corps where he traveled extensively, returning to Michigan for college where he attended Ferris State University while working for a local distributor before arriving in Las Vegas in 2006. He and his wife of six years, Michele,

were joined in October 2008 with the birth of their daughter, Ella Marie.

Joining Dorwin Systems in November of 2008 as a Sales Representative, Karelse is responsible for many project types, including new construction, end-use /owner sale and tenant improvements.

The architecture and landscape architecture firm **HAMILTON ANDERSON ASSOCIATES (HAA)** announced that it relocated their offices to the third floor of the Callister and Reynolds Building in early 2009. After an extensive search, HAA specifically selected the 823 South Las Vegas Boulevard location in order to contribute to the vibrant downtown, thereby reinforcing HAA's continuing commitment to the City of Las Vegas.

PGAL, LLC had the recent distinction of being named a 2008 "HOT FIRM" in the ninth annual ZweigWhite "HOT FIRMS" list. The hallmark of each firm appearing on this prestigious national list is substantial revenue growth between 2004 and 2007 and an ability to survive and prosper during these challenging economic times. The 2008 list marks the second time that PGAL has been named a HOT FIRM.



JVC ARCHITECTS recently announced the company has been contracted by Nye County to renovate and design an addition to the Pahrump Justice Facility at 1520 E. Basin Road.

In addition to a 4,000-square-foot renovation for the D.A. and Clerk's office, JVC is designing three separate additions - 12,000-square-foot justice courts, 5,000-square-foot sheriff's office and 1,400-square-foot district courts. The additions will blend into the existing building's surroundings. Security is a high priority and will be carefully considered during the design phase.

B & H CONSTRUCTION is the general contractor. Construction of the \$4.7 million project is projected to begin in early summer 2009. JVC Principal in Charge **ROY BURSON, AIA** is serving as project architect.

SEMINAR ON AIA CONTRACT PROVISIONS

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- Be prepared for impending disaster by making sure your dispute resolution provisions are bulletproof
- Make sure your insurance provisions are there to help, not confuse you
- Compare AIA forms with other emerging families of documents – including ConsensusDOCS
- Steer clear of costly legal battles ... avoid the pitfalls of misunderstanding the widely used AIA forms

This seminar is designed for attorneys, presidents, vice presidents, owners, project managers, architects, engineers, controllers, accountants and contractors.

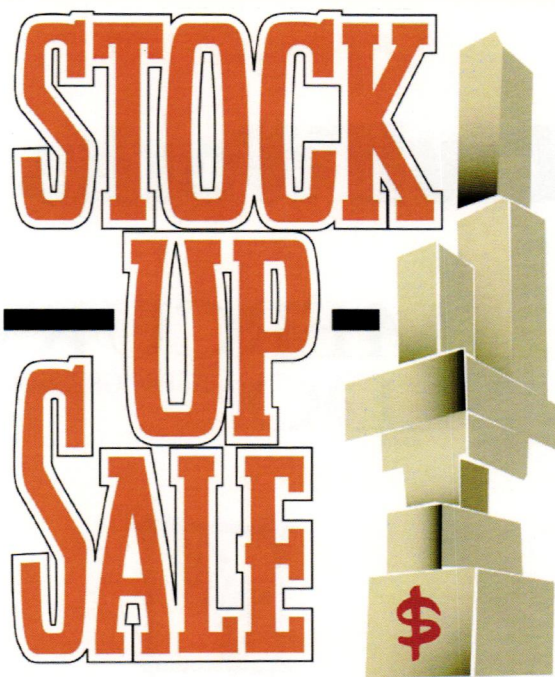
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